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To: Regional Transportation Planning Agencies – County Transportation Commissions

### 2016 STIP Hearings

The California Transportation Commission has scheduled the following two hearings on the 2016 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

**Southern California STIP Hearing**  
**Thursday, March 17 – 1:00 pm**  
Transportation Corridors Agency  
125 Pacifica, Suite 120  
Irvine, California

**Northern California STIP Hearing**  
**Thursday, March 24 – 10:00 am**  
Caltrans Basement Board Room  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, California

At each hearing, Caltrans will make a presentation of its Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) and each regional agency will have the opportunity to make a presentation regarding its Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) and to comment on the ITIP. Each regional agency should be prepared to explain its RTIP proposals and why the Commission should include the proposed projects in the STIP.

**Due to the anticipated reduction in the price-based excise tax in 2016-17, the Commission adopted a revised 2016 STIP Fund Estimate at its January 2016 Commission meeting. This action reduced the amount of funding available for the five-year STIP period by \$800 million. This means that a net \$754 million of existing STIP commitments must be deleted. Each regional agency and Caltrans must delete projects from their RTIPs and ITIP to reach the \$754 million mandatory reduction. In addition, each regional agency and Caltrans must identify projects to delay into the two last years of the STIP. In the event insufficient projects are proposed for deletion and delay by the regions and Caltrans, Commission staff will recommend additional projects to delete and delay in order to remain within the constrained amounts in the revised Fund Estimate.**

The Commission asks that regional presentations focus on projects being proposed for deletion or delay, any new projects proposed, and on regional priorities. Presentations should explain the relationship to the region's long-range transportation plan and sustainable communities strategy. The Commission will make programming decisions considering regional agency priorities, cost effectiveness, State highway needs, Fund Estimate targets, and the other criteria described in the STIP guidelines.

We will maintain the same presentation schedule we had for the January hearings. If you want a change in time or want to be included on the list, please contact Teresa Favila at 916-653-2064 (or [Teresa.Favila@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Teresa.Favila@dot.ca.gov)) no later than February 26 for the North hearing, and March 4 for the South hearing.

If you have other questions regarding the STIP hearings and the STIP development process, please address them to Laurel Janssen, the Commission's Deputy Director, e-mail [Laurel.Janssen@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Laurel.Janssen@dot.ca.gov) or phone 916-651-6143.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Will Kempton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

WILL KEMPTON  
Executive Director